

Project AEFLAG

(consolidated into Project AEFREEMAN)

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PROJECT ACTION SHEET

DATE 24 November

COUNTRY: LATVIA

BUDGET: []

New Project / Renewal for FY 59 / Amendment # / Termination

1. Project (Cryptonym): ~~AEFLAG~~

2. Precis of operation, mechanism, target:

Psychological warfare type operation. Propaganda through Radio Nacional Madrid, legal traveler contact operations, and mailing operations based in West Germany utilizing Latvian emigres and emigre groups---aimed at the people of Latvia SSR.

3. This project refers to priority A, objective 2, tasks b/d of the applicable RMD which requires (quote pertinent passage):

Facilitate evolutionary changes within the USSR--To this end increase popular demands for greater freedom, aggravate frictions between Soviet and satellite parties and governments, and keep alive Soviet issues. Disseminate facts to the Soviet people inside the USSR through effective covert media and utilize selected emigre organizations for propaganda and political action.

RMD for Spain (Priority B, objective 2) is also applicable. Continue to exploit the foreign broadcast facilities of Radio Nacional and to improve, without impairing their Spanish flavor, the effectiveness of their broadcasts to the Sino-Soviet bloc.

4. If the priority noted in reply to #3 above is not "A", are the other, higher priority objectives adequately taken care of--or impossible to achieve at present--so that this project aimed at a lower priority target is sufficiently justified?

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5. Does the project cover the entire task described in question 3 above? If not, which part of the task is actually covered by the project? (Are, in your opinion, more important parts of the task left uncovered? If so, why?)

This project covers the task as it relates to one Baltic country (Latvia). In regard to the Spanish RMD, AEFLAG covers the task insofar as that is possible through supporting broadcasts to one Soviet Republic.

6. Are there other projects, beside this, which cover the same task or reach essentially the same target? If so, list them and state whether this means unnecessary duplication or justifiable division of work and/or a desirable supplementary effort? (If you consider this to be duplication, explain which project should be eliminated or re-directed or whether two or more projects should be merged, or any other applicable remedial action).

No other project reaches the target. There is no duplication of effort.

7. Progress and development of the project during the last 12 months (include major changes in operating conditions or policies):

The mailing project from West Germany made exploitation of the translated UN Report on Hungary and the Djilas book possible on a more thorough scale by substantial distribution in Latvia.

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8. Additional Comments:

The Institute of Latvian Culture (ILC), the cover organization created and controlled by us, is organized in such a fashion that control is exercised through individuals (contract agents) and therefore avoids the problems of organizational control and emigre politics. The mailing project includes individual letters written by Latvians as well as books and pamphlets of particular relevance to the Latvian people. Although small in volume, response to the radio program and monitoring of that program provide some evidence as to its effectiveness.

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S:

A. This project action should be ~~approved~~ / disapproved / approved under the following conditions (with the following modifications):

B. Additional action suggested (e.g., advice for the operating division, request for additional information and/or redocumentation, special staff support, future reassessment, or the like):

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PP/PRD/RB Area Officer (Name
typed and signed)